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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Dear Sir:

In accordance with the requirements of 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98, Applicant hereby submits the prior art listed hereinbelow, copies enclosed, which prior art was cited in the corresponding Japanese application.

- (1) International Publication No. WO 00/33390;
- (2) Japanese Patent No. 4239588; and
- (3) Japanese Patent No. 2002118292.

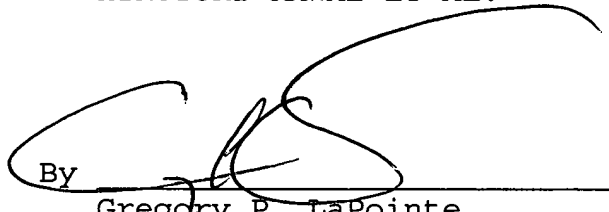
The undersigned hereby certifies that each item contained in this information disclosure statement was first cited in the corresponding Japanese application on July 5, 2005.

The undersigned submits the above-identified references for independent consideration by the Examiner and does not make any admission that these references are or are not material to the

present invention or that these references are or are not prior art with respect to the present invention.

Respectfully submitted,

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